

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2009

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**A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION**

CONVEYING THE SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE HONORABLE MARTY WAYNE KENDALL TAYLOR ON THE OCCASION OF HIS UNTIMELY PASSING AND TO PAY FOND TRIBUTE TO HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMONWEALTH.

1           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was born on  
2           October 2, 1937, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to proud parents Edgar C. and  
3           Evelyn F. Taylor; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor married his best  
5           friend Celina DLG Diaz Taylor and through their union, the Taylor's were blessed with  
6           eight beautiful children namely, Randall, Scott, Anthony, Theresa, Evelyn, Carla, Linda,  
7           and Shannon; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was a loving  
9           father, grandfather, brother, uncle, but most importantly a friend to his neighbors and  
10          colleagues; and

11          **WHEREAS**, The Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor served as Chief  
12          Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
13          from 1995 to 1998; and

14          **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was appointed to  
15          the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by former  
16          Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and took office on September 22, 1995; and

17          **WHEREAS**, during his tenure as Chief Justice, he presided over significant  
18          Hillbloom Estate and Article XII decisions; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was also active in  
2 the “patte pareho” issue, a Chamorro custom in which both spouses get an equal  
3 ownership share in property in case of separation; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor served as needed  
5 as designated Judge for the United States District Court in the Commonwealth, Judge *Pro*  
6 *Tem* for the Superior Court of Guam, President of the Pacific Judicial Council, Chairman  
7 of the CNMI Criminal Justice Planning Agency Supervisory Council, and Chairman of  
8 the CNMI Law Revision Commission; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor retired from his  
10 esteemed service as Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court on December 5, 1998, and  
11 was honored by the 11<sup>th</sup> CNMI Legislature by a resolution upon his retirement; and

12           **WHEREAS**, prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court the Late Honorable  
13 Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor served as an Associate Judge for the CNMI Superior Court  
14 from 1989 to 1995; and

15           **WHEREAS**, from 1982 to 1989 the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall  
16 Taylor served as Deputy Public Defender; and

17           **WHEREAS**, in 1979 the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor served as  
18 Acting Public Defender; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor also served as  
20 Legal Counsel for the Civil Service Commission from 1979 to 1980 and Secretary of the  
21 Board of Parole from 1978 to 1982; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor also served as  
23 Staff Attorney for the Micronesian Claims Commission, Northern Mariana Islands for the  
24 United States Foreign Claims Settlement Commission on Saipan from 1974 to 1976; and

25           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor began his legal  
26 career in California where he was engaged in the private practice of law in San Mateo  
27 County from 1972 to 1974; and

28           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was Municipal  
29 Judge *Pro Tem* for the Southern Judicial District in Redwood City in 1973; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was an Instructor  
2 of Law at the College of San Mateo in San Mateo County, California from 1970 to 1973,  
3 was Private Defender in San Mateo County from 1972 to 1974, and was Deputy District  
4 Attorney from 1968 to 1972; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was admitted to  
6 practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for  
7 the Ninth Circuit, the United States District Court, Northern District of California, the  
8 United States District Court, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the courts  
9 of the Commonwealth; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor earned his Liberal  
11 Arts degree from Oakland City College in Oakland, California, in 1957; received his  
12 Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Industrial Management from California State  
13 University, San Jose, California in 1961; was certified as a College Instructor in Life  
14 Credential, Law, Business and Economics, in the State of California; and earned his Juris  
15 Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1967; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor, during his tenure  
17 as an instructor, attended numerous college, universities, and learning organizations such  
18 as Oxford University, Wadham College, Oxford, England, 1994; The National Judicial  
19 College, University of Nevada at Reno, 1990-1993; the National Council of Juvenile and  
20 Family Court, Judges/State Justice Institute, University of Nevada at Reno, 1990-1993;  
21 and the American Academy of Judicial Education, Orlando, Florida, 1992; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was not born in  
23 the Commonwealth, but it was here that he made his home and established his roots; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor dedicated many  
25 years of his life to serving the people of the Commonwealth; and

26           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was called to his  
27 eternal rest on February 17, 2009 and will be greatly missed by his family, friends,  
28 neighbors, colleagues, and the people of the Commonwealth;

29           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives of  
30 the Sixteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the House and the


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1 People of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands hereby extend sincere  
2 condolences and sympathy to the family of the late Honorable Marty Wayne Kendall  
3 Taylor on his untimely passing and pay fond tribute to a man who provided untiring  
4 services to the entire Commonwealth; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this  
7 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to his wife,  
8 Celina DLG Diaz Taylor on behalf of the family of the late Honorable Marty Wayne  
9 Kendall Taylor; the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the  
10 Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of the CNMI  
11 Supreme Court, Honorable Robert C. Naraja, Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior  
12 Court, Honorable Greg C. Sablan "Kilili", CNMI Delegate to the United States;  
13 Honorable Pete P. Reyes, Senate President, Sixteenth Commonwealth Legislature.

Date: 2/25/09

Introduced By:   
Rep. Arnold I. Palacios

Reviewed by:

  
House Legal Counsel